

# Celebrating Your Success

## A Guide to Planning a HealthierUS School Challenge Award Celebration

### Montana Team Nutrition



Gallatin Gateway School Staff dress up to celebrate their Gold HUSSC award.



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Congratulations on receiving a HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) Award. Your school has joined an elite group of schools that have taken important steps to create a school environment that helps students develop healthy nutrition and physical activity habits. Earning an HUSSC award of any level is a significant achievement worthy of celebration.

An HUSSC celebration is an excellent opportunity to:

- Recognize the staff members and volunteers whose efforts helped your school qualify for — and receive — an HUSSC award.
- Showcase your school's commitment to wellness and explain its importance to students' academic success.
- Raise awareness of parents and community members — they will appreciate how tasty and healthy your school meals are; and that students are learning about nutrition and being physically active on a regular basis at school.
- Celebrate and reinforce the importance of school-wide wellness practices.

This guide provides tips and tools that will simplify the process of planning and hosting a successful celebration.

The first section of this Guide: *A Step By Step Guide to Planning HUSSC Award Celebration* lists each of the steps involved in planning and celebrating an HUSSC award in chronological order.

The second section of this Guide is composed of five appendices that provide samples of materials created by Montana schools that have celebrated HUSSC awards in the past.